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- 1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS (ESSENTIALLY CONFIRMED BY KONTROLLBANK OFFICIAL) THE DEBT NEGOTIATIONS REPORTED REFTEL HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED WITH THE SIGNING OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE RESCHEDULING AGREEMENT, OF AUGUST 25, 1975.
- 2. THE RESCHEDULING APPLIES TO ALL OUTSTANDING AUSTRIAN LOANS TO NORTH KOREA, WHICH TOTAL AS 1.7 BILLION (APPROXIMATELY \$100 MILLION) INCLUDING ACCUMULATED INTEREST.
- 3. THE NEW AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR AN ADDITIONAL FOUR YEAR GRACE PERIOD FOR CAPITAL REPAYMENTS DUE BETWEEN AUGUST 1975 AND END 1979, AND AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS FOR REPAYMENT DUE AFTER 1979. NORTH KOREA AGREED TO PAY SHORTLY INTEREST ACCRUED UNTIL END 1976, ABOUT AS 14 MILLION (\$824,000), AND CAPITAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPAYMENTS DUE BEFORE AUGUST 1975 IN TWO PORTIONS IN 1978 AND 1979.

4. AUSTRIAN SUPPLIERS AFFECTED BY NORTH KOREAN DEFAULTS WILL BE COMPENSATED UNDER THE KONTROLLBANK EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE PROGRAM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ABOUT AS 1 BILLION HAS BEEN PAID OUT BY THE

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